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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITY

N.I.A. DIRECTIVE NO.

POLICY ON LIQUIDATION OF THE STRATEGIC SERVICES UNIT

References: A. The Executive Order of 20 September 1945, subject: "Termination of the Office of Strategic Services and Disposition of Its Functions"

B. C.I.C. Directive No. 1

Pursuant to paragraph 1 of the letter from the President dated 22 January 1946 which designated this Authority as responsible for planning, developing and coordinating the Federal foreign intelligence activities so as to assure the most effective accomplishment of the intelligence mission related to the national security, the following policies and procedures relating to the liquidation of the Strategic Services Unit are announced:

1. The national interest demands that the complete liquidation of SSI shall not be accomplished until it is determined which of its functions and activities are required to be continued and suitable arrangements are made therefor, in order that its useful assets may be available to the agency or agencies which are to carry on such functions or activities. Such determinations and arrangements shall be made, and the liquidation shall be completed as promptly as possible and prior to 1 July 1947. The War Department will take the necessary budgetary action to carry out this program.

2. The liquidation of SSI shall be coordinated with the development of the permanent peace-time Federal intelligence program. The Director of Central Intelligence shall issue the necessary directives to effect the liquidation and to provide for this coordination. He will make recommendations to this Authority as to the intelligence activities permanently required in the peace-time intelligence effort.

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3. During the period of liquidation, the SSU should be administered and operated so as to service the intelligence agencies subject to our coordination. The Director of Central Intelligence shall issue the necessary directives to the Director of SSU to ensure that this service is performed so as to accomplish this mission.

4. With respect to any authorized function that is assumed by C.I.O., the Director of Central Intelligence will be responsible for effecting the necessary arrangements whereby personnel and facilities of SSU that are useful for the performance of such functions may be transferred to the C.I.O.

(Enclosure A)

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